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1. [redacted] the Polish Navy's officers' school ship ZMP made a training cruise to Murmansk. Members of the two most advanced classes of the naval officers' school were on board. 25X1
2. The second Polish destroyer, BURZA, which was returned to Poland [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] has been undergoing a complete refitting at the Gdynia shipyard, where its engines and technical equipment were overhauled. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the BURZA had been in the naval shipyard at Oksywie where it was being fitted out with new guns. The installation of the guns was proceeding slowly because the shipyard is not well-equipped to perform this work. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the BURZA was at the Gdynia shipyard undergoing internal refitting [redacted] no armament was observed on board the ship. 25X1
3. [redacted] the fourth Polish submarine WILK, which was returned to Poland [redacted] at the same time as the BURZA, was in the naval shipyard at Oksywie [redacted] it had been there for a long time and was being cut up for scrap. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the submarine was in the President Basin where it was being cut up for scrap. 25X1
4. [redacted] observed landing exercises taking place on the cape of the Hel Peninsula in the area close to the lighthouse. The following vessels participated in the exercises; the destroyer BLYSKAWICA, the school ship ZMP, the tankers KORAB and ZOLW, and eleven landing craft². Each landing craft is capable of carrying one tank and forty men; during the exercises each craft had at least thirty sailors. The senior students of the naval officers' school performed the functions of non-commissioned officers during the maneuvers while all of the school's students and instructors were on board. 25X1

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the ZMP. Sailors taking part in the maneuvers were armed with various kinds of small arms and machine guns, but no artillery or tanks were employed. The landing craft were beached wherever possible, following which the sailors ran into the water through the lowered forward section of the craft. A copy of a sketch of one of the landing craft is included in this report.³

5. The artillery practice polygons (poligony artyleryjskiego strzelania) which are used in naval target practice are located as follows:
 - a. For destroyers: about four to six kilometers out on the open sea from Jurata-Jastarnia, Hel Peninsula.
 - b. For submarines: about four kilometers out in the Bay of Gdansk (Danzig) from Redlowo, in the direction of Hel Peninsula.
 - c. For trawlers and motor boats: about five kilometers southeast of the Cape of Hel in the direction of Gdansk, in approximately the same place where the above-described landing exercises took place.
6. The Polish Navy's chief politruk is Commander Malko, a Soviet officer, now in Polish uniform, who replaced the former politruk, Commander Jozef Urbanowicz. Urbanowicz was transferred to Bydgoszcz.⁴
7. The Polish Navy has three admirals, all of whom are Soviet officers.⁵

Comments:

1. [redacted] the BURZA was in the Paris Commune Shipyard in Gdynia.

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5. It is not certain if [redacted] referring to full admirals. This office carries the following admirals: Rear Admiral Czerokow, Commander in Chief of the Polish Navy; Rear Admiral Skelagowski, Deputy Commander in Chief of the Polish Navy; Admiral Roszkow, commander of the Polish Naval Officers' School at Oksywie (unconfirmed); and Vice Admiral Frocharenko, commander of all naval, air, and ground units in the Swinoujscie area (unconfirmed). All are Soviet officers. in the Polish Navy. [redacted]

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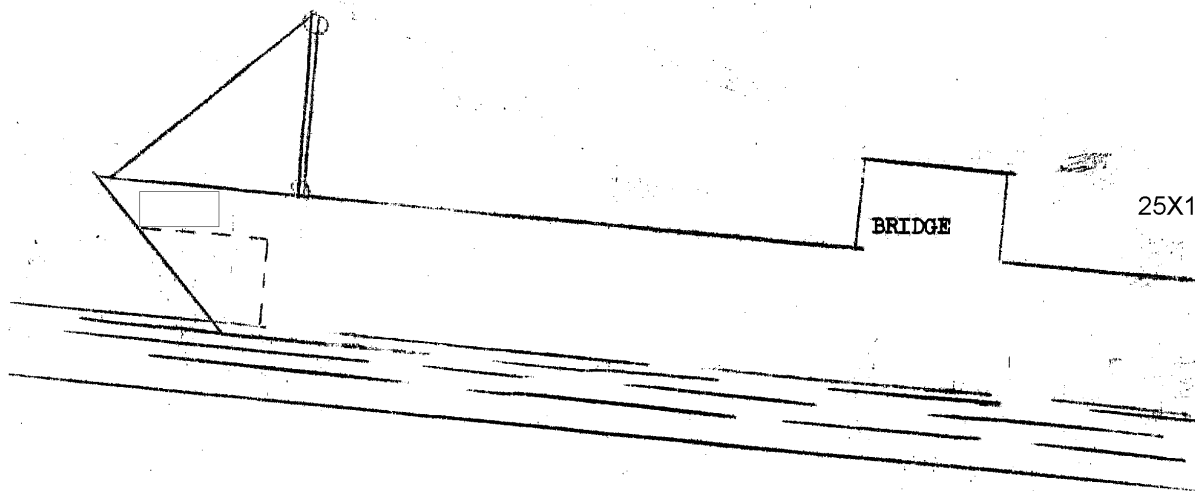
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Sketch of Polish Landing Craft

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